

## AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following rewritten paragraph:

– – Onion sleeve portion 114 of tubular body 102 further desirably includes at least one barb 122 extending outwardly from each rib 118 and in a proximal direction. In accordance with the present disclosure, when onion sleeve portion 114 is in the retracted position, barbs 122 do not extend beyond the radial boundary of tubular sleeve 102. In this manner, barbs 122 do not interfere with the passage of tubular body 102 through sleeve 104. Further, in accordance with the present disclosure, when onion sleeve portion 114 is in the expanded position, it is preferred that barbs 122 are oriented substantially in a proximal direction and are substantially ~~co-linear~~ parallel with the longitudinal "X" axis. While barbs 122 are preferred for penetrating body tissue, it is envisioned that the outer surface of rib 118 can be roughened in order to increase the gripping effect of rib 118 when in contact with body tissue.– –

Please delete paragraphs [0039] through [0042].

Please replace paragraph [0063] with the following rewritten paragraph:

– – Turning now to FIGS. 6 and 7 [[and 8]], an anastomosis apparatus, in accordance with an alternative embodiment of the disclosure, is shown generally as reference numeral 200. Apparatus 200 includes a tubular body 202, a sleeve 204 slidably received about tubular body 202 and a plunger assembly 206 slidably received within tubular body 202. Tubular body 202 includes a distal end 210 and a proximal end (not shown) and defines a central lumen 212 extending therethrough which central lumen 212 defines a central longitudinal axis "X".– –